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1. East Germany has a monthly demand of 45 to 60 kilograms of streptomycin. The only enterprise producing streptomycin is Jonapharm in Jena. According to its production plan, Jonapharm is to produce 600 kilograms of streptomycin in 1953. From 1 January to 30 June 1953, however, the enterprise actually produced less than 6 kilograms. As a result, East Germany has been obliged to import streptomycin.
2. In the past East Germany imported 15 kilograms of streptomycin from West Germany each month. The delivery firm is an office in Stuttgart of George Chasnasarian, a businessman of Armenian origin who has his main firm in the United States of America. 1/ The Stuttgart office makes monthly deliveries of streptomycin to Chemierha GmbH in East Berlin. For purposes of camouflage the streptomycin is declared on the trade manifests (Warenbegleitscheine) as material not listed on the embargo list.

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Comment. The main firm is probably in New York City.

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